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## THE HEDGEHOG AND EGGMAN... FRIENDS?

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# PREPARATIONS FOR WAR!

STAY OUT  
OF THIS, SONIC!  
MY FIGHT ISN'T  
WITH YOU  
TODAY!

AS  
COMFORTING  
AS THAT IS TO  
KNOW, DOC, I  
DON'T HAVE  
TIME FOR  
YOU RIGHT  
NOW!

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Villain

**DIMITRI**  
Ancient Echidna  
Scientist

**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
Hero of Mobius

**JULIE-SU**  
Knuckles'  
Warrior Love

**DR. IVO "EGGMAN"**  
ROBOTNIK  
World-Conquering  
Mad Scientist



YOUR  
INFERNAL  
ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLIGENCE,  
*NICOLE*,  
DENIED ME  
MY ULTIMATE  
VICTORY!\*

\*SEE STH #175-177  
FOR THE WHOLE  
EPIC ADVENTURE!

MY EGG NAUTILUS'  
TENTACLES WILL UPLOAD  
MY BEST COMPUTER  
VIRUS AND ERASE  
HER FOREVER!

YEAH--NOT  
LETTING  
*THAT*  
HAPPEN!

CUT  
THAT  
OUT!

INSTEAD  
OF WASTING  
MY TIME HERE,  
YOU OUGHT TO  
BE PREPPING  
YOUR  
BUNKER!

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
YAMMERING  
ABOUT,  
RODENT?

WE JUST  
GOT WORD  
THAT ENERJAK  
IS COMING  
BACK. I'M SURE  
YOU'VE GOT A  
FILE ON HIM  
OR SOME-  
THING.

INCOMPLETE  
FILES. TELL ME  
EVERYTHING  
YOU KNOW.



NOW THAT THE **COUNCIL OF ACORN** HAS GATHERED, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR, MR. DIMITRI. TELL US EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS "ENERJAK" PERSON.

OF COURSE, KING ELIAS.

IT LOOKS LIKE SONIC HAS STALLED HIM, SALLY.

I KNEW HE WOULD. KEEP ME POSTED, NICOLE.

I WAS ENERJAK AT ONE POINT MYSELF. UNDERSTAND THAT AGES AGO, I WAS A BRILLIANT CHAOS SCIENTIST...

IN MY ARROGANCE, I TRIED TO ABSORB THE POWERS OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS...

...AND I WAS TRANSFORMED. I WAS NO MERE "PERSON." I WAS A GOD.

AS **ENERJAK**, I THOUGHT MYSELF UNSTOPPABLE. I WOULD HAVE CONQUERED ALL OF MOBIUS!

...BUT MY POWER WAS STOLEN. CENTURIES OF AGING CAUGHT UP WITH ME. I WAS NEARLY UNDONE...

UNTIL THE **DARK LEGION** RESCUED ME WITH THEIR CYBERNETIC PROCESSES.



IT WAS NOT A PERFECT SOLUTION, HOWEVER. WITH MY LIFE STILL EBBING AWAY, I ALLOWED *DR. FINITEVUS* TO DISASSEMBLE ME IN HOPES OF FINDING A WAY TO RETURN ME TO MY FORMER POWER.

AND YOU TRUSTED HIM WITH YOUR LIFE?

TRY TO UNDERSTAND, PRINCESS. AT THAT POINT, I WAS *DESPERATE*. I THOUGHT HE WAS GENUINELY LOYAL LIKE THE REST OF THE DARK LEGION.

SO IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE *ENERJAK*, WHO IS?

I DO NOT KNOW, SIR CHARLES. I CAME LOOKING FOR AID THE MOMENT I REALIZED FINITEVUS HAD BETRAYED ME.

YET, I HADN'T ANTICIPATED THAT THE LAST BASTION OF "*FREEDOM*" ON MOBIUS WOULD BE SO SLOW TO ACT.

MY FIRST CONCERN IS MY PEOPLE. WE'RE NOT GOING TO RUSH TO ARMS WITHOUT A SOLID PLAN.



AS A FIELD LEADER, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE READY AND WILLING TO GO TO ANGEL ISLAND AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

PRECISELY. STOP THIS MADNESS BEFORE IT BEGINS.

BUT LIKE KING ELIAS SAID, WE DON'T WANT YOU GOING WITHOUT EVERY ADVANTAGE. WE CAN ONLY SPREAD NICOLE AND HER NANITES SO THIN.

DYLAN, WHO SAYS WE NEED TO BE PROTECTED--?

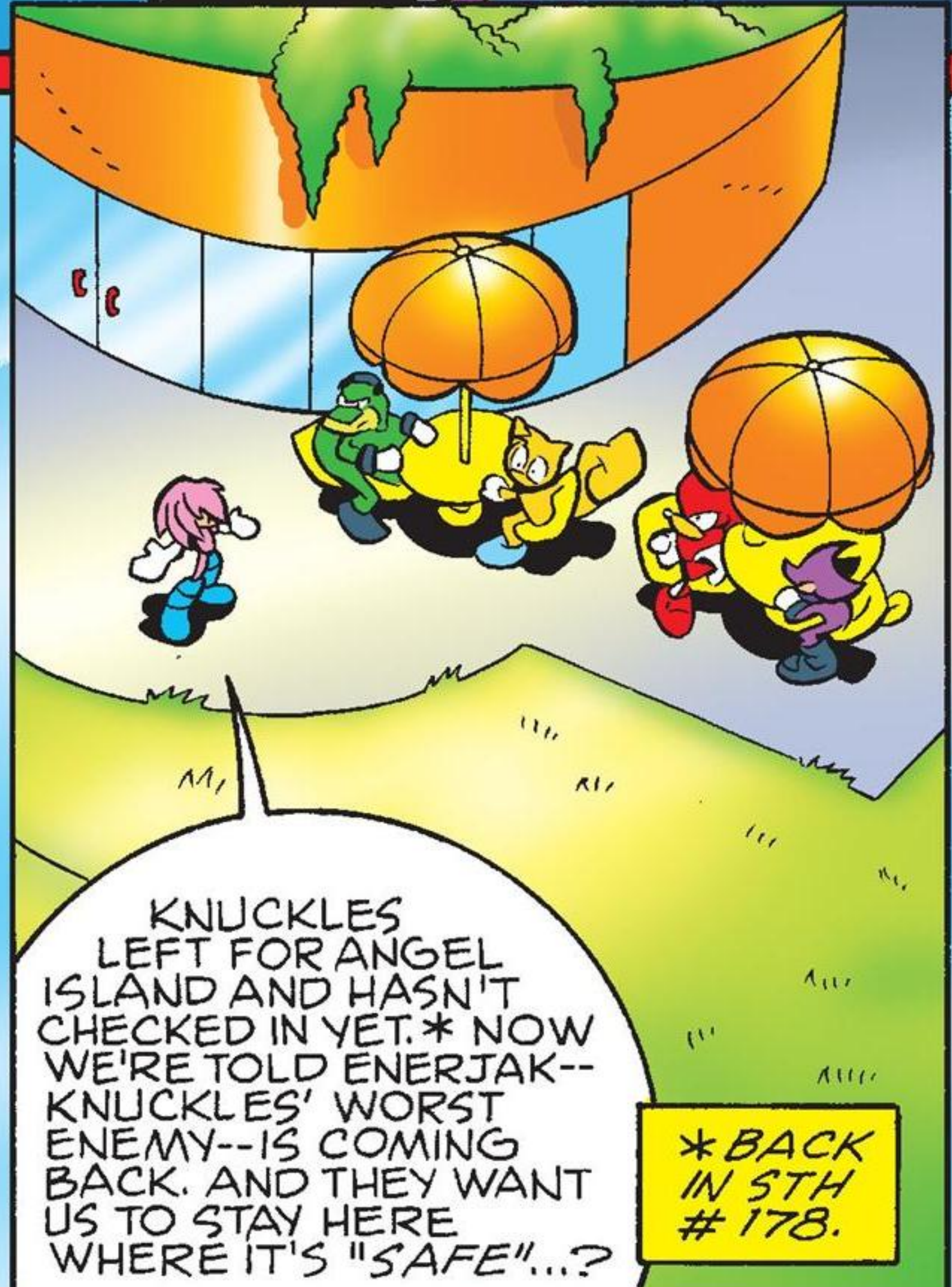
THEN SEND THE CHAOTIX. THEY CLAIM ANGEL ISLAND AS THEIR HOME.

IT'S TRUE THAT THE CHAOTIX ARE FREE AGENTS...

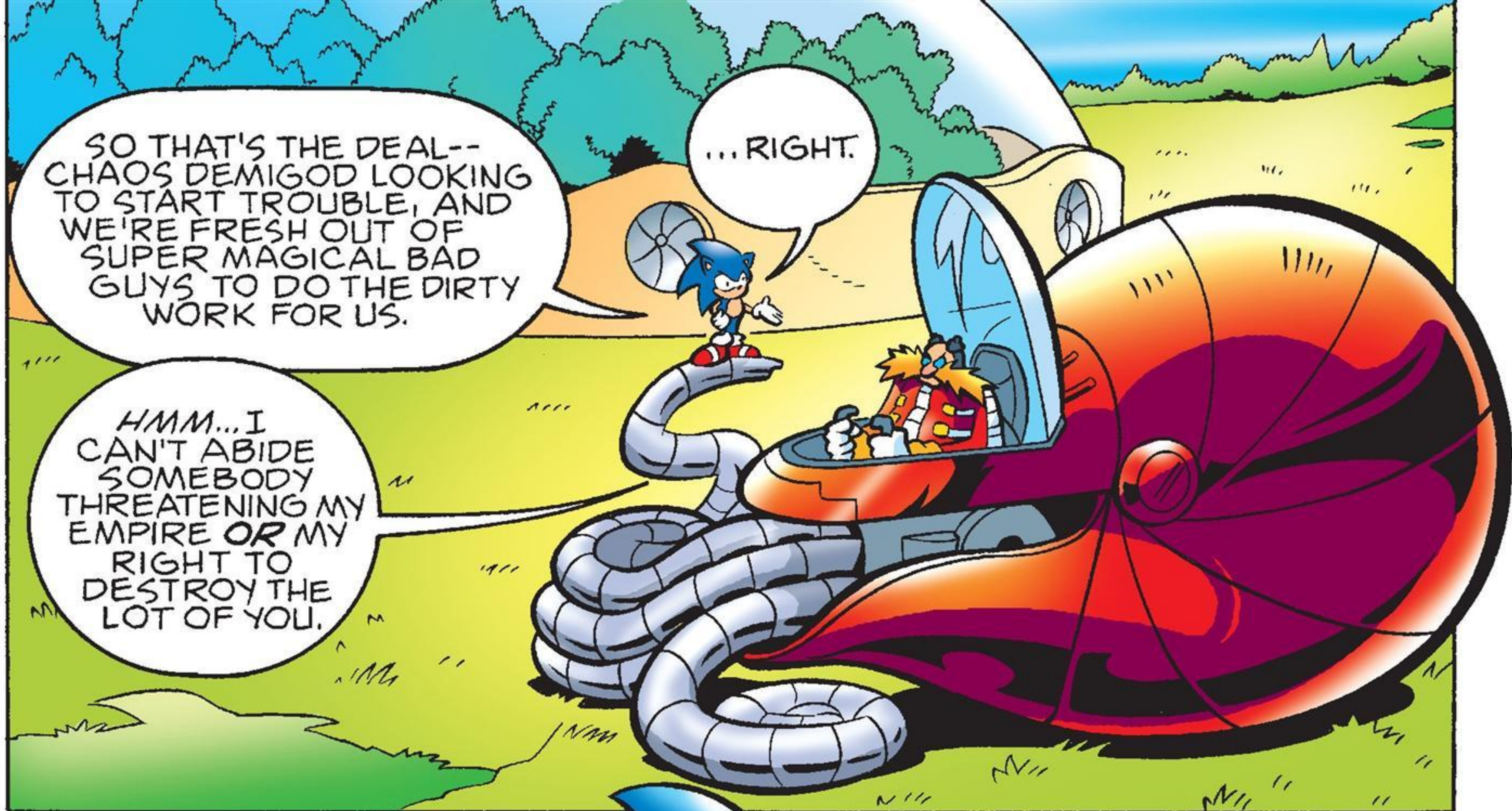
BUT...?

...THEY'VE RISKED THEIR LIVES FOR MY PEOPLE. THEY'RE ENTITLED TO OUR PROTECTION AS MUCH AS ANYBODY ELSE.











UH-HUH, AND  
LET'S TRY TO  
AVOID THE  
BACK-STABBING  
THIS TIME  
...OKAY?



HRUMPH!  
YOU INSULT  
MY HONOR!



OH,  
PLEASE, EVERY  
TIME WE'VE HAD  
TO WORK TOGETHER,  
YOU'VE TURNED ON ME.  
THIS IS SERIOUS, DOC.  
YOU'LL HURT TOO, IF  
YOU MESS THIS UP.

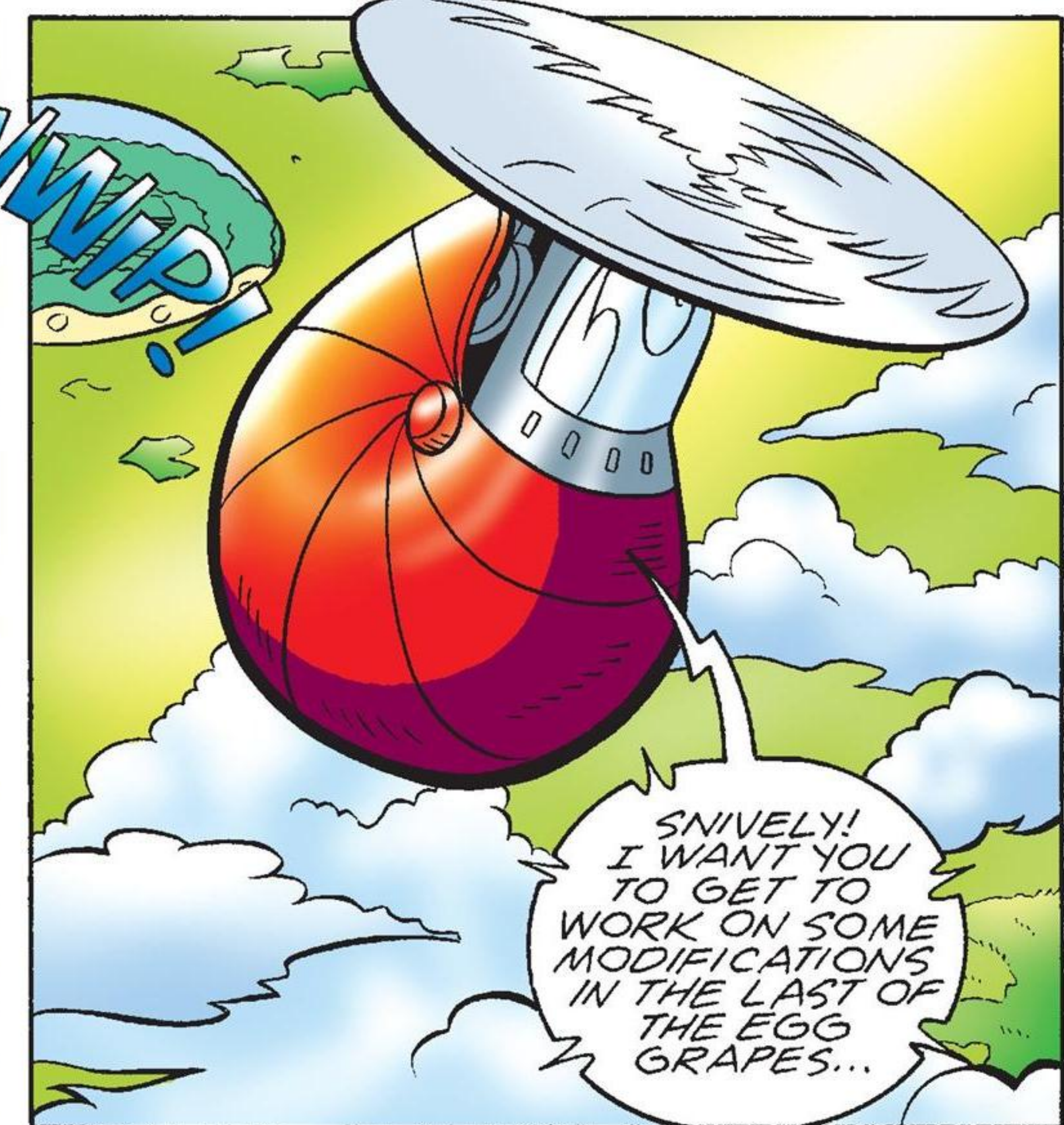
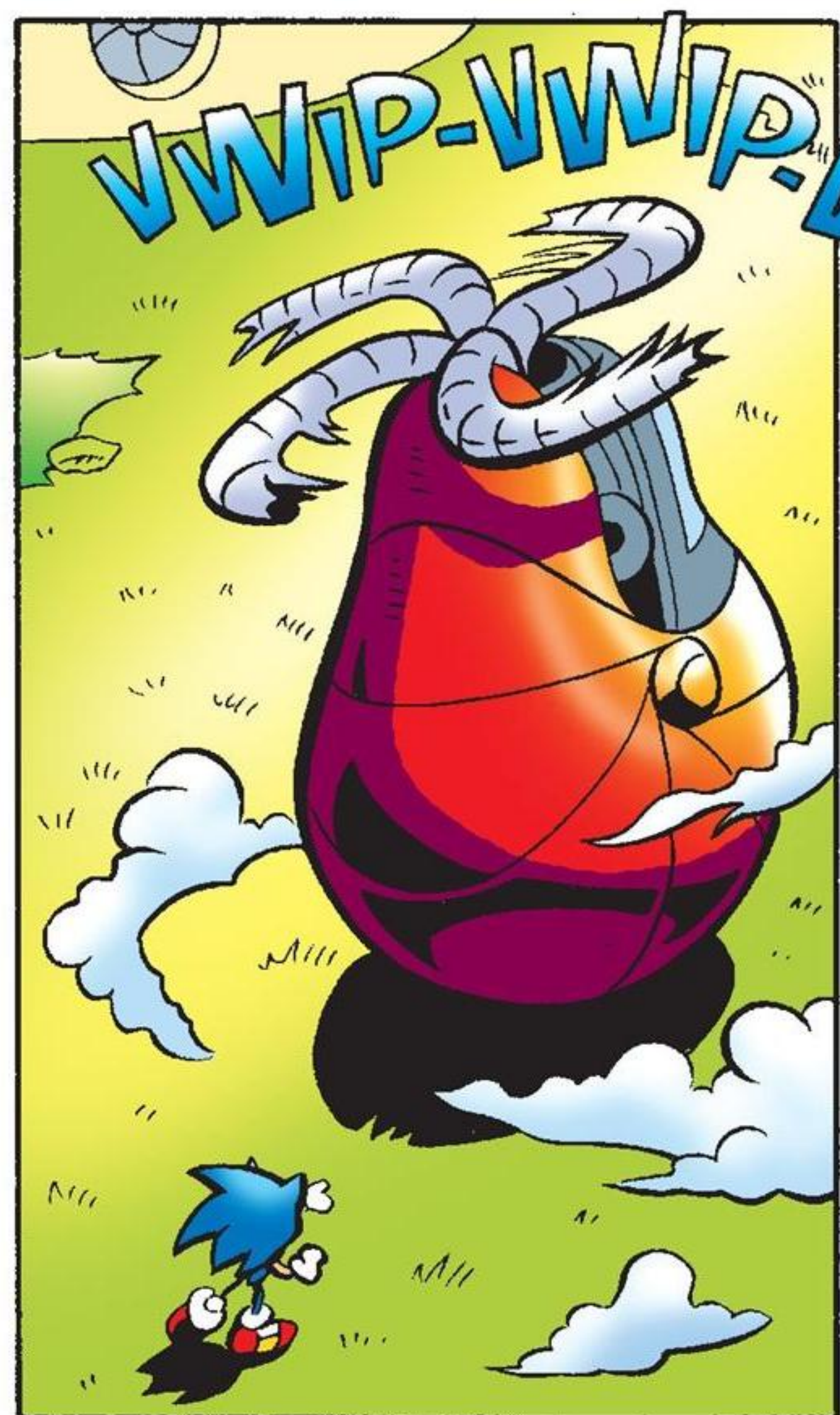
PUT YOUR LITTLE  
RODENT BRAIN AT  
EASE. I'LL RETURN  
TO NEW MEGAOPOLIS  
AND PREPARE FOR  
THE GREAT  
BATTLE.



YOU DO  
THAT.

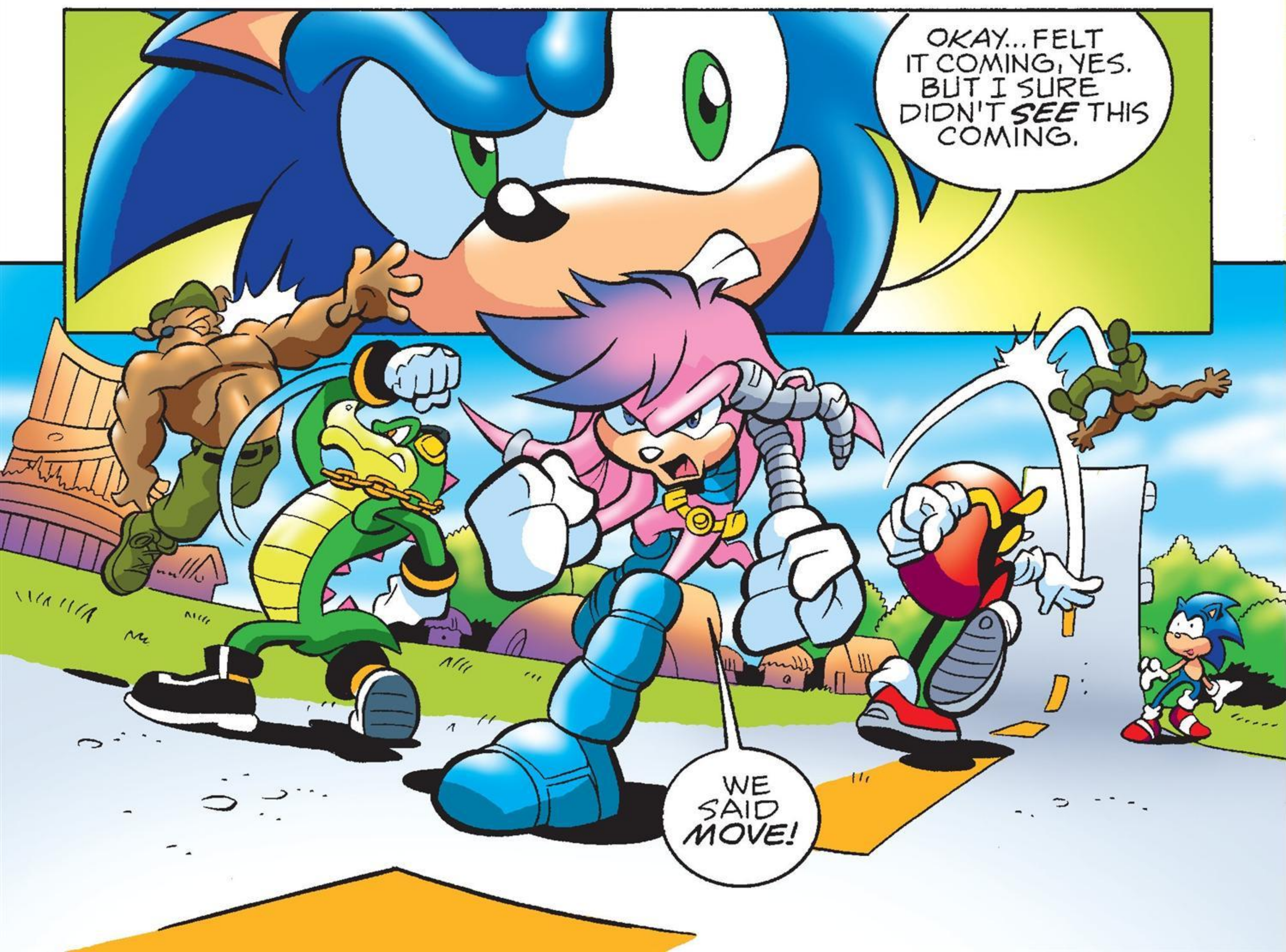
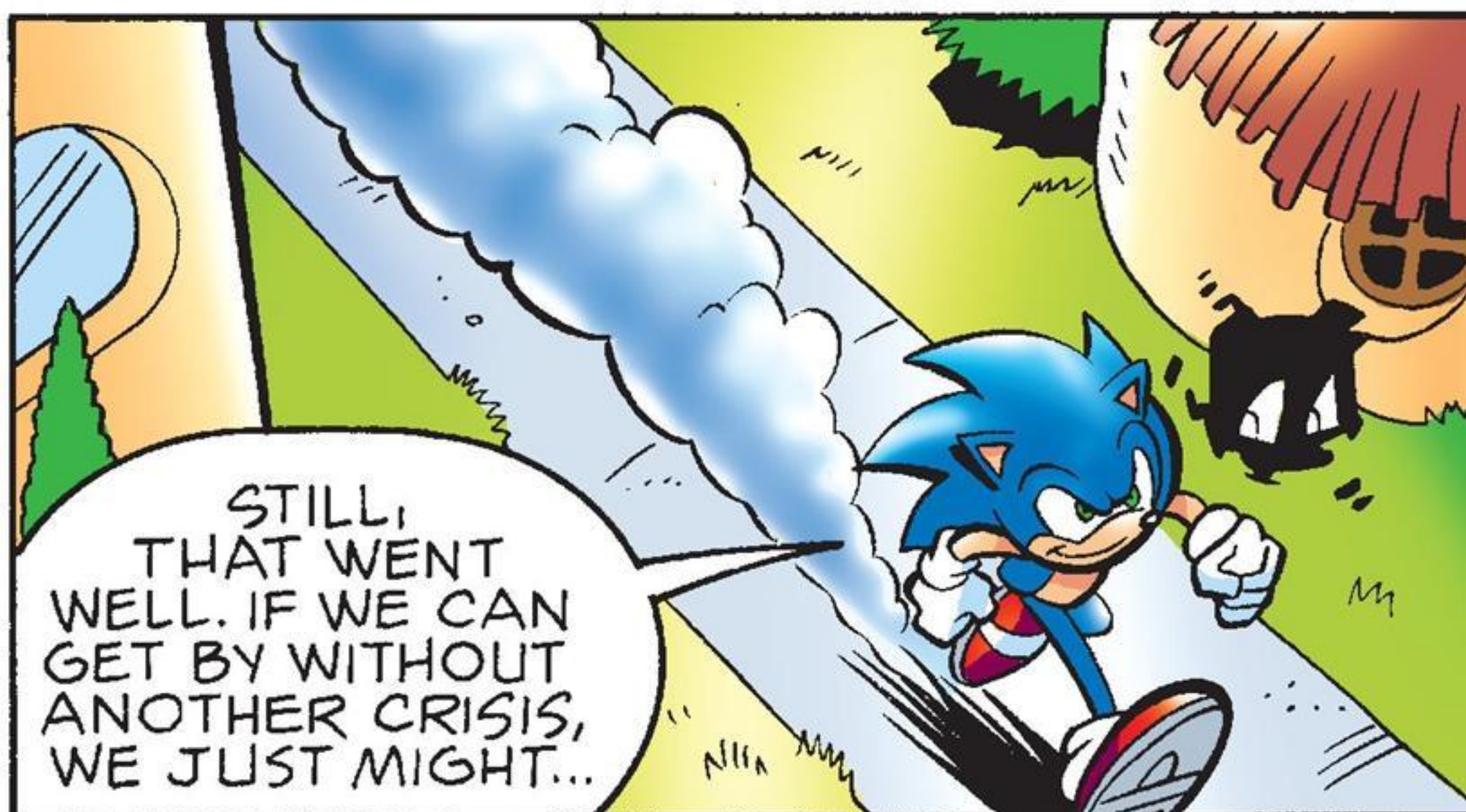


VWIP-VWIP-VWIP



SNIVELY!  
I WANT YOU  
TO GET TO  
WORK ON SOME  
MODIFICATIONS  
IN THE LAST OF  
THE EGG  
GRAPES...







JUST ABOVE HAVEN II  
AND THE MASTER  
EMERALD'S  
CHAMBER...

YO!

DOCTOR  
CREEPY  
VON EVIL--!  
WE'VE GOT  
AN UPDATE  
FOR YOU!

BE CAREFUL  
AROUND THIS  
GUY, SCOURGE.  
HE GIVES ME  
THE CREEPS...  
AND I *KNOW*  
CREEPY.

PSH.  
FIONA, HE  
WEARS A CAPE  
AND BANDAGES.  
HE CAN'T BE  
THAT BAD.

I LEFT  
IMPLICIT  
INSTRUCTIONS  
THAT I WAS  
NOT TO BE  
DISTURBED  
AT THIS  
POINT.

RIGHT, RIGHT, DOC FIN!  
YOU ALSO SAID TO LET  
YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT  
THE OTHER CLOWNS ON  
THIS FLYING ROCK.

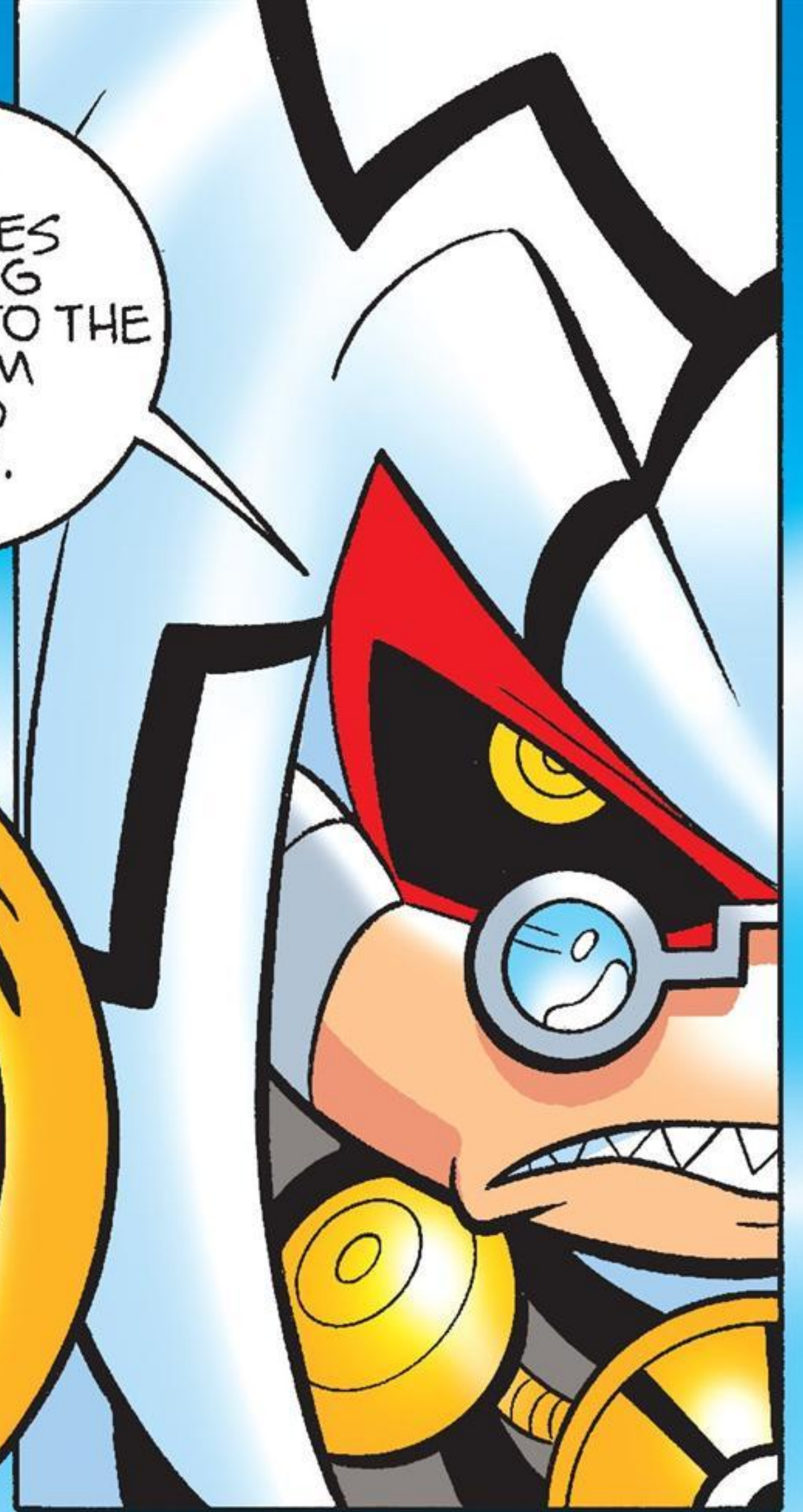
VERY  
WELL.  
REPORT.

ALL RIGHT, SO GENERAL  
KAGE VON STRYKER HAS  
HIS WHOLE DINGO ARMY  
ON THE MOVE. IT LOOKS  
LIKE HE'S READY TO TAKE  
OUT THE LAST FEW ECHID-  
NAS THE DESTRUCTIX  
HAVE BEEN PROTECTING  
WHILE YOU PLAY "MAD  
SCIENTIST."



MEANWHILE, IT LOOKS LIKE THE FLAME AND FROST LEGIONS HAVE CAUGHT ON. THEY'VE STOPPED FIGHTING EACH OTHER AND DECIDED TO ATTACK BEFORE YOU FINISH... WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING DOWN THERE.

HMPH. TWO ARMIES ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO THE POWER I'M ABOUT TO UNLEASH.



DEFEND THE ECHIDNAS-- OR DON'T. IT DOESN'T MATTER AT THIS POINT. I'M ALMOST READY...



SEE? HE REDEFINES "CREEPY." WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

YOU HEARD THE MAN...

WE'VE GOT NO STANDING ORDERS. I'M GOING TO CHILL OUT AND ENJOY THE SHOW.





"THIS 'ENERJAK'  
BETTER BE WORTH  
THE HASSLE."

GUYS...LIKE I  
JUST GOT FINISHED  
TELLING ROBOTNIK  
...WE JUST DON'T  
NEED THIS RIGHT  
NOW!



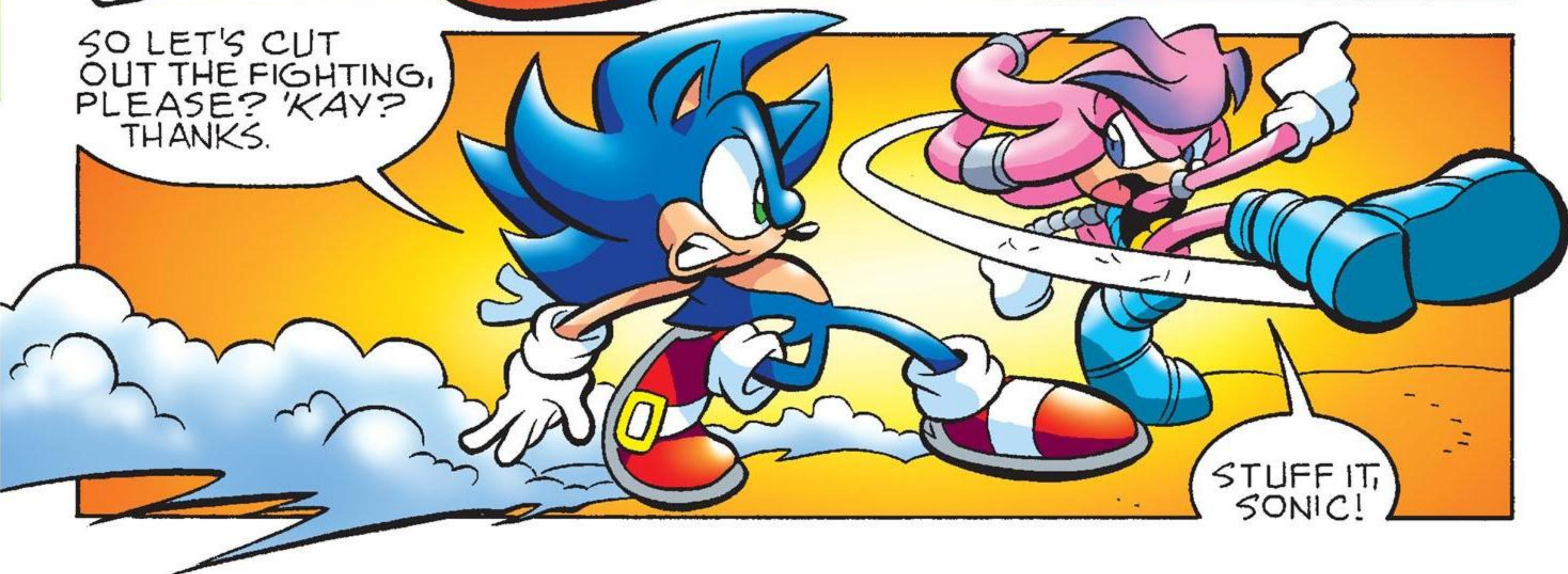
I WANT TO  
GET INTO  
ACTION AS  
MUCH AS YOU  
GUYS, BUT EVEN  
I CAN SEE WE  
NEED A  
SOLID PLAN  
FIRST.



AND US FIGHTING  
LIKE THIS IS ONLY GOING  
TO GIVE ENERJAK AN  
EDGE THAT WE CAN'T  
AFFORD TO GIVE UP.



SO LET'S CUT  
OUT THE FIGHTING,  
PLEASE? 'KAY?  
THANKS.



STUFF IT,  
SONIC!



KNUCKLES IS  
OUT THERE  
AND NEEDS  
OUR HELP!

YEAH,  
BUT--

AND NOW  
THE COUNCIL  
WANTS TO  
KEEP US  
TRAPPED HERE  
WHILE--  
**OW!**

YOU TALK  
ABOUT "UNITY," BUT  
NOBODY IS FREE TO DO  
ANYTHING WITHOUT YOUR SAY--  
SO. I THOUGHT WE WERE YOUR  
FRIENDS, NOT YOUR PET  
MERCENARIES.

**GAH!**

YOU GOT ME THERE,  
'SU. I DON'T THINK IT'S  
A GOOD IDEA, BUT I'M NOT  
GOING TO FIGHT YOU  
GUYS OVER IT  
ANYMORE.



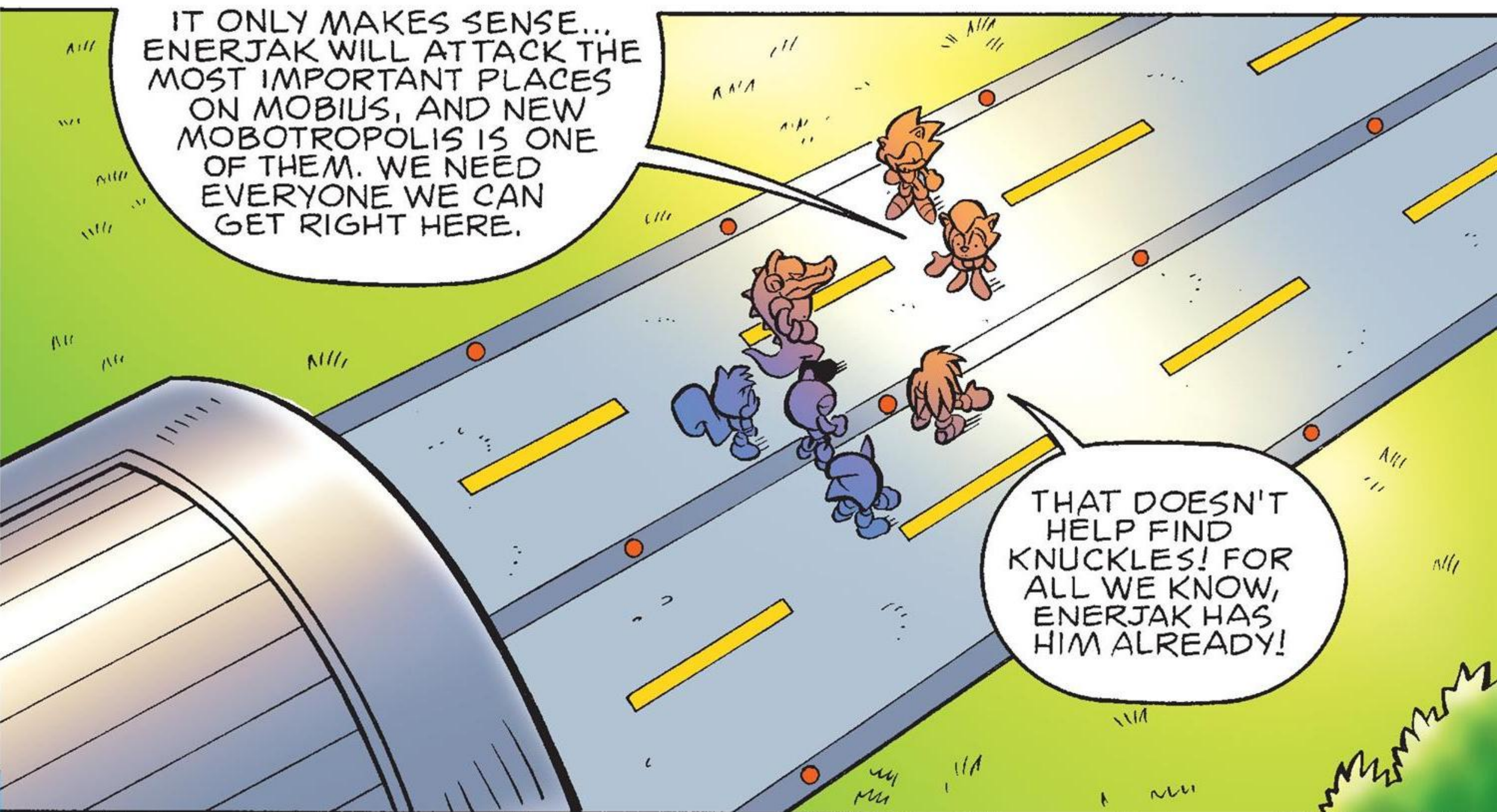


WELL SAID, SONIC. ALL THE SAME, WE NEED THE CHAOTIX HERE.



IS THIS THE PART WHERE YOU BRING THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN TO STOP US?

NO, THIS IS THE PART WHERE I TRY TO FIND A COMPROMISE BETWEEN OUR PLANS.



IT ONLY MAKES SENSE... ENERJAK WILL ATTACK THE MOST IMPORTANT PLACES ON MOBIUS, AND NEW MOBOTROPOLIS IS ONE OF THEM. WE NEED EVERYONE WE CAN GET RIGHT HERE.

THAT DOESN'T HELP FIND KNUCKLES! FOR ALL WE KNOW, ENERJAK HAS HIM ALREADY!



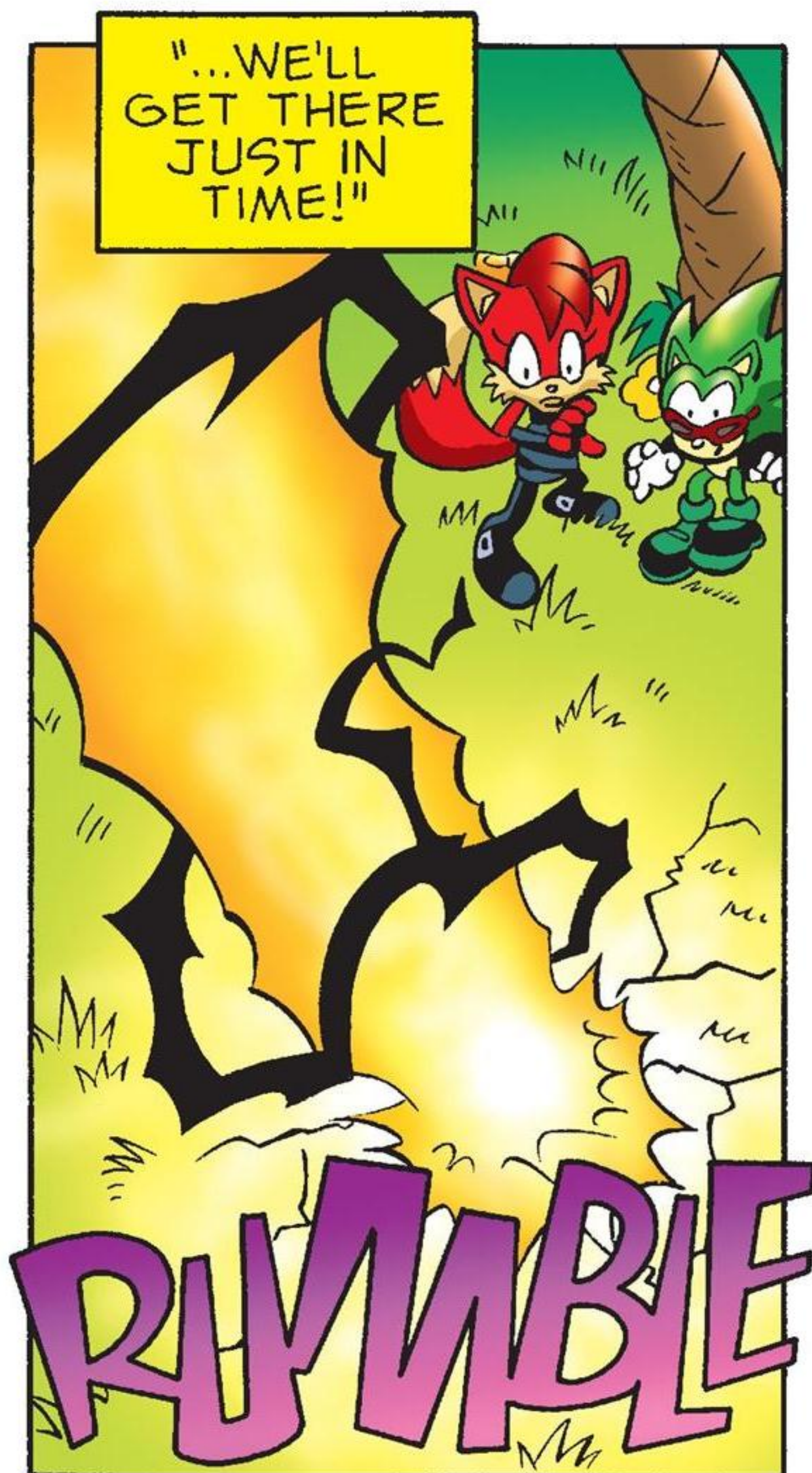
NICOLE JUST SENT A PROBE TO ANGEL ISLAND. WE'LL KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON VERY SOON.

A NANITE-POWERED CAMERA ISN'T GOING TO HELP!













You HAVE to come back next month as the epic battle begins with  
**“ENERJAK: REBORN!”**  
FIND OUT WHO IS ENERJAK IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG#181!



MEANWHILE, ON ANOTHER DAY  
AND ANOTHER ADVENTURE...

URGH...  
TAILS?

OOOOOH...  
I'M HERE,  
SONIC.

# SONIC RUSH ADVENTURE™

## HIGH STAKES ON THE HIGH SEA

COOL,  
THEN THE NEXT  
QUESTION IS --

-- WHERE IS  
"HERE?"

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ONE LOUSY  
STORM AND WE'RE  
THROWN COMPLETELY  
OFF-COURSE.

AT LEAST  
WE'RE IN ONE  
PIECE.

AHOY  
THERE!

YOU GUYS  
TOOK A NASTY FALL.  
GOOD PULSE.

DID YOU  
SWALLOW ANY  
SEAWATER?

NO?

GOOD.  
THAT STUFF  
IS NASTY.

YOU TWO PASS  
WITH A CLEAN BILL OF  
HEALTH. NOW COME ON,  
ME SWABBIES! YOUR  
CAPTAIN IS GETTING SAIL  
FOR ADVENTURE!



YEAH, NO.  
HOLD ON  
A SECOND.

EEK!  
MUTINY!

LISTEN, KIDDO,  
WE'RE KIND OF LOST  
AT THE MOMENT, AND WE  
DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO  
YOU ARE SO...

YOU'RE ON  
SEAGULL ISLAND!  
MY NAME IS MARINE  
AND I AM YOUR CAPTAIN  
AND YOU'RE ON MY  
CREW NOW.

NOW, LET'S  
SHOVE OFF!  
TO ADVENTURE!

YOU HAVE FUN  
WITH THAT. LET'S SEE  
HOW BAD THE PLANE  
IS, TAILS.

WELL... UM...  
WHAT KIND OF  
ADVENTURE?

WELL,  
FIGHTING PIRATES  
FOR ONE THING.

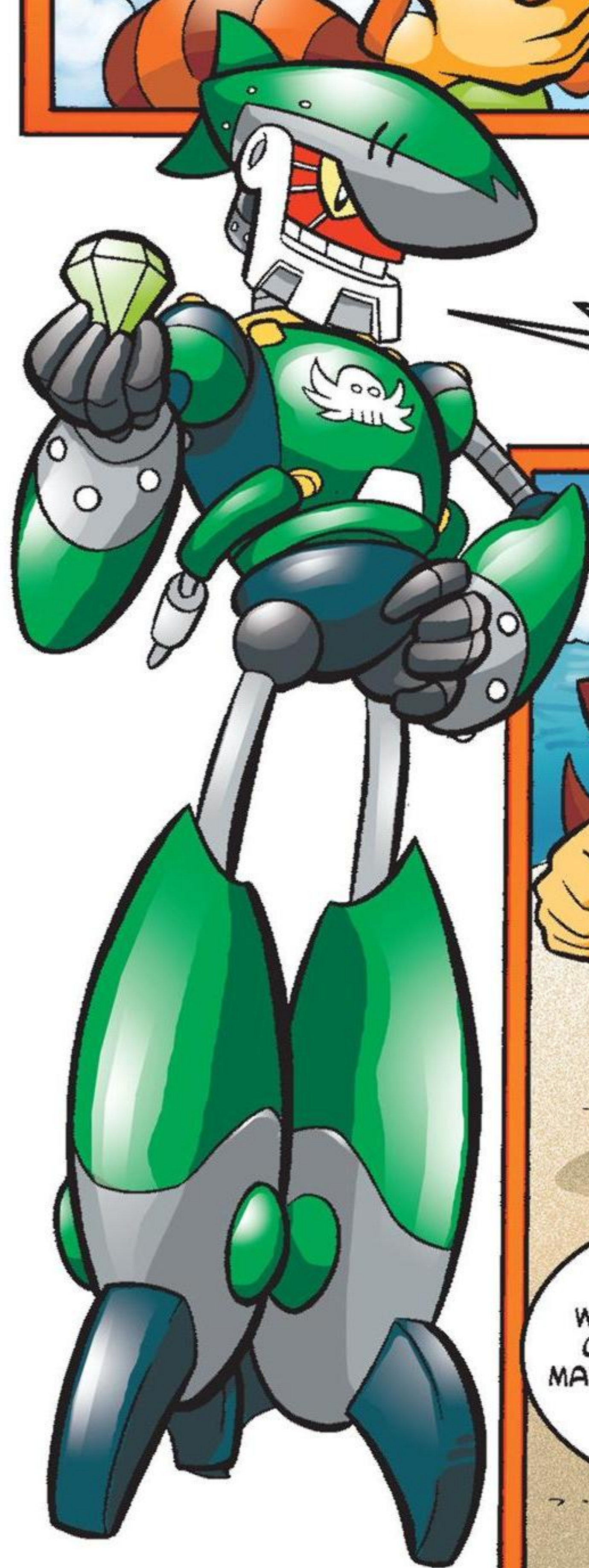
PIRATE  
FIGHTING  
YOU SAY?

JUST A FEW DAYS AGO  
A NASTY GROUP OF PIRATES  
CAME TO THE ISLAND. THEY'VE BEEN  
LOOTING THE ISLAND IN THEIR  
SEARCH FOR TREASURE!









It's a whole **NEW** world of adventure for **SONIC** and **TAILS**! Find out how this exciting epic ends in **SONIC RUSH 2** for **NINTENDO DS**! Then be back next month for the return of ultimate power! Find out who is **ENERJAK** in **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #181**

